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SUBJECT: POLADS CONSULTATIONS ON CW AND SSOD

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1. POLADS CHAIRMAN HAS REMINDED COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT SOME OF THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS HAD FAVORED FURTHER POLADS DISCUSSIONS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE SSOD AND OF CW. ACCORDINGLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT SSOD MIGHT BE DISCUSSED AT A POLADS MEETING ON JUNE 1 OR 2; CW MIGHT BE COVERED AT A MEETING JUNE 15 OR 16. EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS WOULD BE WELCOME IF THEY DESIRED TO ATTEND SUCH MEETINGS.

2. SO FAR, CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS HAS MET LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FROM ALLIED REPS, WHO NOTE THAT POLADS WOULD HAVE HEAVY WORKLOAD IN JUNE IN CONNECTION WITH BELGRADE CSCE PREPARATIONS. MOREOVER, THEY HAD DISCUSSED CW ON MARCH 25 AND HAD ALSO RECENTLY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON SSOD PREPARATIONS. FRG REP HAS SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES COULD MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ON THESE ISSUES AT REGULAR SCHEDULED POLADS MEETING IF THEY WISHED.

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3. ACTION REQUEST AND COMMENT: POLADS WILL ADDRESS THIS MATTER AT THEIR MAY 20 MEETING, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY THAT DATE, OR IN TIME FOR FOLLOWING POLADS MEETING ON MAY 24. WE NOTE, IN THIS REGARD, THAT BRIEFING NOTES ON RECENT US-SOVIET WORKING GROUP SESSIONS AT GENEVA ON RW AND CW (REF B), WHICH WE CIRCULATED TO POLADS MAY 17, INDICATED THAT THE US POLICY REVIEW ON CW WILL BE COM-

PLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT THE US MIGHT BE ABLE TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL ON CW BY THE TIME OF THE NEXT ROUND IN EARLY JULY. THOROUGH AND TIMELY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ALLIES ON ANY CW PROPOSAL WILL, OF COURSE, BE ESSENTIAL BEFORE PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSAL AT GENEVA. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO UTILITY IN FURTHER POLADS CONSULTATIONS ON CW PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF US POLICY REVIEW AND SUCH TIME AS WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSULT THE ALLIES ON POSSIBLE US ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVES IN THIS FIELD. BENNETT

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